GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISA POLICY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of foreign tourists are being deprived from visiting India due to visa denial;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to change the visa policy; and

(c) if so, the time by when the new visa policy is likely to be declared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): Tourist visa is granted by Indian Missions abroad after security check and getting satisfied from the supporting documents submitted along with the application about individual`s financial standing and return after the visit. Denial of tourist visa is part of the process.

(b) & (c): Change in Visa Policy is a continuous process. A new category of visa called `Medical Visa` was introduced on 21.6.2005 to facilitate medical tourism in the country and `Students Visa` regime has been streamlined on 21.6.2005.